GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:660
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NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME .
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which the target under the National Family Benefit Scheme has been fixed;

(b) whether the assistance given by the Union Government is not based on the actual mortality data of the State;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (d): The assistance given by the Government of India under the National Family Benefit Scheme is based on the Numerical Ceilings (targets) estimated for each State/UnionTerritory and the Annual Budget Allocations. The Numerical Ceilings have been worked out on the basis of the estimated number of deaths in the 18-64 age group in the households below poverty line and which is calculated as the product of Population of the State, Poverty Ratio, proportion of 18-64 age group in total populationand the Age Specific Motality in the 18-64 age group. Half the number of such deaths are assumed to relate to those of the primary breadwinner.